



# CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

## 72-HOUR REPORT

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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Fresno – Aryan Brotherhood Prison Gang Indicted on Drug Trafficking Charges

(U) In separate indictments secured in December but unsealed earlier this week, 17 people who prosecutors have tied to the Aryan Brotherhood (AB) prison gang were charged with offenses related to drug and weapon trafficking, court records show. The indictments stem from a 2020 investigation dubbed Operation Lucky Charm, which investigated the White supremacist prison gang that also goes by the AB and the Brand, as well as a Fresno street gang known as the Fresnecks.

SOURCE: 5 February 2021, [Mercury News](#)

#### (U) Los Angeles – 145 Arrests Made Following Human Trafficking Investigation

(U) Authorities announced that 145 arrests were made in Los Angeles County during a recent statewide operation investigating human trafficking. "Operation Reclaim and Rebuild" involved more than 100 federal, state, and local agencies, and resulted in 450 arrests statewide, the Los Angeles Police Department reported. More than two dozen victims were rescued, 13 of them were minors. Statewide, 39 victims of human trafficking were rescued during the operation, including 13 juveniles, officials said.

SOURCE: 5 February 2021, [Fox News](#)

#### (U) Palm Springs – School Police Officer Arrested as Part of Domestic Extremism Investigation

(U) A Palm Springs Unified School District patrol officer has been arrested as part of an investigation into domestic extremism by the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force, which alleges the officer was an adherent of the QAnon conspiracy theory and a right-wing militia group involved in storming the US Capitol on 6 January. In addition, the arrest warrant states that the officer had been "posting messages and images of his discontent for government officials and advocates others to carry out violence" on social media and that his "behavior is consistent with pre-incident indicators of extreme violence."

SOURCE: 6 February 2021, [Patch](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) Florida – Gunman Ambushes Florida State Trooper in Vehicle

(U) Miami – A gunman ambushed a Florida Highway Patrol trooper who was sitting inside his patrol car in Northeast Miami-Dade on Wednesday. The officer escaped the bullets and returned fire, wounding the attacker, officials said. The attack was unprovoked, according to the agency, and happened around 2 p.m. as the trooper was guarding a lane closure for a roadway project on Miami Gardens Drive just west of Biscayne Boulevard. Police officials have described the attack as an ambush.

SOURCE: 5 February 2021, [Miami Herald](#)

#### (U) Massachusetts – Public Schools and Government Offices Targeted in Cyberattack

(U) Winthrop – A cyber-attack targeted the town of Winthrop's municipal offices and classrooms on Thursday preventing students and teachers from utilizing web-based resources town officials said on Friday. Town Manager Austin Faison, Superintendent Lisa Howard and Police Chief Terence Delehanty said in a statement that no confidential data was accessed during the attack. On Thursday, the district's

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technology investigations team notified town and school administrators that the town's servers were targeted in a cyber-attack.

SOURCE: 5 February 2021, [Mass Live](#)

### **(U) Nevada – Woman Accused of Making Courthouse Bomb Threat**

(U) Elko – Elko County sheriff's deputies have arrested a 27-year-old Nevada woman they believe made a bomb threat at a courthouse on the day her companion was scheduled to be sentenced on drug charges. She was arrested later that day on Interstate 80 with someone from California, and booked on multiple charges, including suspicion of making a bomb threat, and two counts of possession of a controlled substance by a prisoner.

SOURCE: 5 February 2021, [My Courier Journal](#)

### **(U) North Carolina – Three Police Officers Shot During Standoff**

(U) High Point – Three officers were shot, and a suspect barricaded in a home on West English Road, shortly after media reported hearing a series of loud bangs from the home. Police announced that the standoff was over at about 10:30 a.m. A police spokesperson confirmed they are investigating an officer-involved shooting related to the standoff. The High Point Police Department has not released the names of the officers involved but did confirm that all three injured officers were veteran men of the force and part of the tactical team.

SOURCE: 5 February 2021, [Fox News](#)

### **(U) Oklahoma – Two Men Sentenced for Their Role in a Transnational Heroin Trafficking Operation**

(U) Oklahoma City – Osiel Serafin Calderon, 25, and Rudolph Gorniak, 29, were sentenced last week for their role in trafficking heroin in the Northern District of Oklahoma, authorities said. Osiel Serafin Calderon pleaded guilty to assisting in delivering heroin to defendant Jose Garcia by transporting the heroin from Southern California to northeastern Oklahoma from January 2019 through June 2019. He also assisted in collecting drug proceeds from Garcia. Garcia supplied heroin to numerous individuals for re-distribution, collected payment from dealers and returned the funds to the Mexican source of supply. The two were among more than 30 individuals indicted in 2019 for drug conspiracy and other crimes related to the cartel's heroin operations.

SOURCE: 5 February 2021, [US Department of Justice Press Release](#)

### **(U) Pennsylvania – Traffic Stop Intercepts \$4 Million in Heroin, Fentanyl, and Cocaine**

(U) Bedminster – A routine traffic stop led authorities to a massive seizure of cocaine, heroin, and fentanyl that was on its way from California to New York, authorities said. The illicit drug seizure, valued at \$4 million, resulted in the arrests of a man and woman who investigators believe are part of a much larger trafficking organization. Police had pulled over a Jeep on Friday night after it swerved over a fog line several times. The driver of the vehicle consented to a search, resulting in the seizure of one-kilogram of heroin/fentanyl and nine-kilograms of cocaine with a total street value of \$1.2 million, prosecutors said.

SOURCE: 5 February 2021, [Philly Voice](#)

### **(U) INTERNATIONAL**

#### **(U) Syria – Dozens of ISIS Suspects Arrested in Operation**

(U) Erbil – The Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) on Friday announced the arrests of tens of Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) suspects in Deir ez-Zor, during the first day of a new military operation launched in retaliation for the recent assassination of two female municipal employees.

SOURCE: 5 February 2021, [Rudaw](#)

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**(U) France – Security Firm Stormshield Loses Source Code in Cyber Attack**

(U) Paris – France-based cybersecurity firm Stormshield has revealed a leak of source code from its Stormshield Network Security and Network Security Industrial Firewall products following a cyber-attack that saw malicious actors gain unauthorized access to a technical portal used by customers and partners to manage tech support tickets. The incident, understood to have occurred in December 2020, also saw the personal data and technical exchanges associated with several customer accounts accessed and viewed, and possibly stolen. All the affected users have been contacted.

SOURCE: 5 February 2021, [Computer Weekly](#)

**(U) United Kingdom – Convicted Terrorist Arrested at Heathrow Airport on Return to UK**

(U) England – Stefan Aristidou, 27, a British national of Cypriot descent, has been charged with seven counts of dissemination of terrorist publications, contrary to Section 2 of the Terrorism Act 2006. Following his appearance in court, where he entered a not guilty plea, Aristidou was remanded in custody to appear at the Old Bailey court via video link on 19 February. The material that Aristidou is charged with disseminating includes ISIS videos of beheadings and public executions. He is thought to have moved to Syria in 2015. In 2017, he was arrested at a repatriation center in Turkey for belonging to a terrorist organization.

SOURCE: 6 February 2021, [Homeland Security Today](#)

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